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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Federal Employers' Liability Act creates rights of action against common carriers by railroads engaged in interstate commerce for injury to or death of employees due to the employer's negligence, and provides that actions therefor may be brought in the district of residence of the defendant, or in which the cause of action arose, or in which the defendant shall be doing business at the time of commencement of the action (U.S.C.A. Tit. 45, Sec. 56), and

WHEREAS, suit is frequently brought on such claims in far-distant places, such as Chicago, Minneapolis, and Salt Lake City, even though the accident happened in Wyoming and the injured employee, at the time the cause of action arose, was a resident of Wyoming, which practice is burdensome on and expensive to the parties,

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Wyoming State Bar Association, now in session in Casper, Wyoming, that the Association and its members shall and hereby do express their request for and support of an amendment to the Federal Employers' Liability Act, which in principle will limit the venue of such actions to the county, or, if brought in the United States District Court, to the Federal Judicial District, in which the cause of action arose or in which the injured employee resided at the time of the injury.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded by the Secretary of the Association to each United States Senator and to the member of the National House of Representatives from Wyoming, and to the American Bar Association.